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**Applicant** 

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Appl. No.

10/772,049

Filed

: February 4, 2004

For

MODIFIED ASPHALTIC FOAM

**MATERIALS** 

Examiner

John M. Cooney

Group Art Unit

1711

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT RECEIVED IN ERROR

## Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## Dear Sir:

A Restriction Requirement was mailed by the PTO on April 18, 2006, in the above-referenced application. Upon review of the Restriction Requirement, Applicants realized that this communication was incorrectly matched to this application. The claims in Application Serial No. 10/772,049 relate to methods of making asphalt foam, whereas the claims set forth in the Restriction Requirement relate to DDP-IV crystals, methods of crystallization and nucleic acids encoding soluble DDP-IV, which are clearly not the pending claims in Serial No. 10/772,049. In addition, Serial No. 10/772,049 is being examined by John Cooney of Art Unit 1711, not by Nashaat Nashed of Art Unit 1656 whose name is on the present communication.

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Applicants' representative spoke to Examiner Nashed on April 24, 2006, and informed him of this error. The Examiner instructed Applicants' representative to return the action to the PTO (enclosed herewith) and to explain that the action was received in error. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the Restriction Requirement in Serial No. 10/772,049 be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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